



Michigan Asian Pacific American Affairs Commission (MAPAAC)

**Presenter:
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Agenda

- **History of MAPAAC**
- **Overview of Commissioners**
- **2012 Strategic Plan**
- **Highlights of Recent Accomplishments**
- **Questions and Answers**

Brief History of Michigan Asian Pacific American Affairs



Vincent Chin
1982



2005



2009

Overview of Commissioners

Currently, MAPAAC consists of 20 commissioners:

- Come from 10 different ethnic communities: Bangladesh, Chinese, Filipino, Hmong, Indian, Japanese, Korean, Pakistani, Taiwanese, and Vietnamese.
- 17 are foreign born and naturalized American citizens; 3 are US born.
- Represent Southeast Michigan, Ann Arbor, Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo and Lansing geographical areas.

MAPAAC Established Three Sub-committees:

- 1. Business Development Committee**
- 2. Community Development Committee**
- 3. Civic and Social Services Committee**

2012 MAPAAC Strategic Plan

Business Development Committee

- **Goal 1:** Coordinate a panel discussion by inviting APA entrepreneurs to present at the May 22nd Commission meeting
- **Goal 2:** Encourage Foreign Investment, using EB5 Investor Program for Michigan
- **Goal 3:** Offer Community Based Entrepreneurship Training for Asian Pacific Communities

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2012 MAPAAC Strategic Plan

Community Development Committee

- **Goal 1:** Promote public awareness of APA cultures by reaching out to various communities in Michigan
- **Goal 2:** Secure appropriate recognition of APA accomplishments and contributions to the state

Civic and Social Services Committee

- **Goal 1:** Promote public awareness of APA communities and provide support for international students.

Highlights of Accomplishments

- **Senate Resolution No. 142 declares May 2012 as Asian Pacific American Heritage Month**
- **Support the Global Michigan Initiative:**
 - Business recruiting and student retention within Indian Community
 - Support entrepreneurial spirit and business developments within Bangladeshi community
 - Support efforts with universities' international student retention
 - Cultural Ambassador Program

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Highlights of Accomplishments

- **Aggressive action to counter racial insensitivity:**
 - Senate campaign advertising
 - Racial slurs and insensitive comments at City Council meetings in Washington, D.C. and Troy, MI
- **Collaborative fundraising for the Japanese Earthquake & Tsunami Victims resulted in over \$12,000 donation to the Japanese Consulate in Detroit.**

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Highlights of Accomplishments

- **Adopted a resolution opposing state immigration legislation**
- **2011 Cultural Competency Training for Michigan Department of Human Services/Oakland Children's Services Administration.**



THANK YOU!!!

Questions and Answers